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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action (Paper No. 32) mailed July 19, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly enter the following paragraphs.

Page 5, replace the heading on line 15 with:

C-2 Brief Descriptions of the Drawings

Page 5, replace the fourth paragraph starting on line 15 with:

Figures 1A-1C:

A) Genomic organisation of the nCL1 gene

B3 The gene covers a 40 kb region of which 35 were sequenced (Accession number NT_030828 Homo sapiens chromosome 15). Introns and exons are drawn to scale, the latter being indicated by numbered vertical bars. The first intron is the largest one and remains to be fully sequenced. Position of intragenic microsatellites are indicated by asterisks. Arrows indicate the orientation of Alu (closed) and of Mer2 (greyed) repeat sequences.